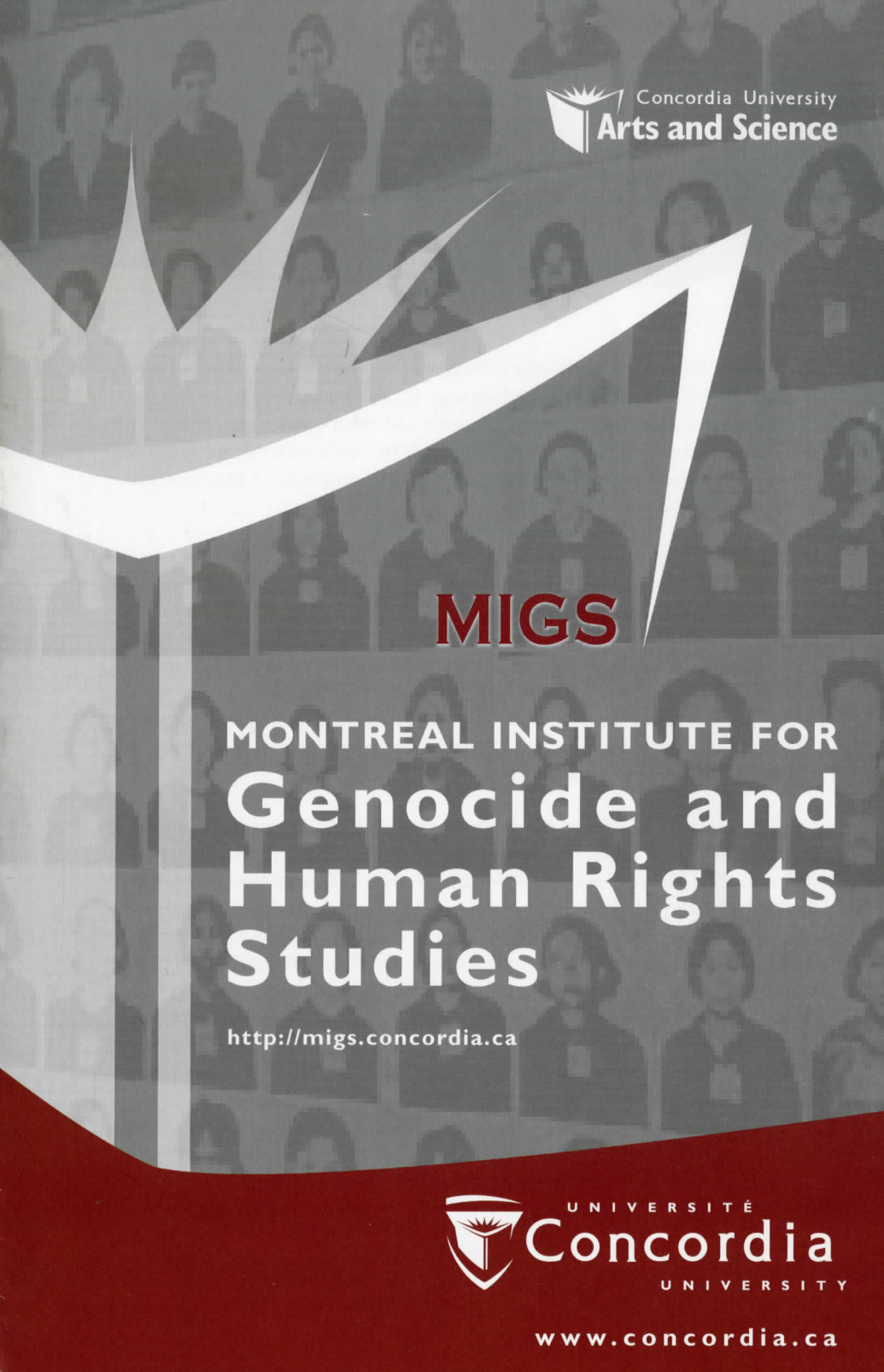
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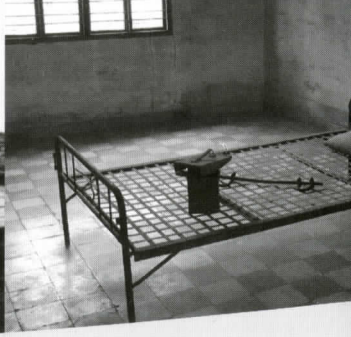
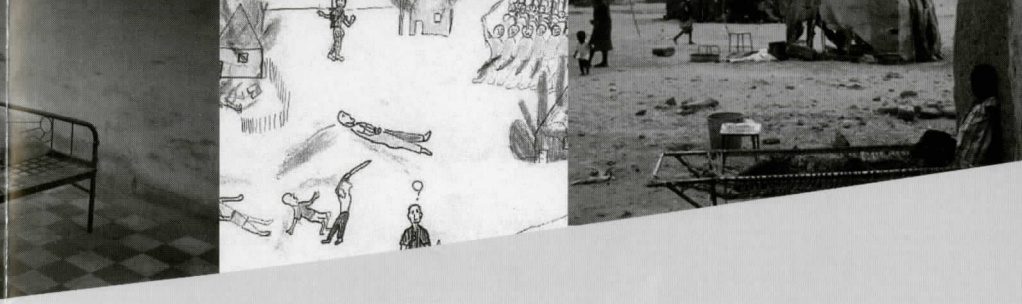


The main missions of the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS) are to develop and manage major research programs focused on the prevention and prosecution of genocide and other crimes against humanity, educate comparatively about genocide, and help survivors and their children end their isolation by building bridges with other survivors of genocide and mass atrocity crimes.

Drawing on its research, MIGS furthers understanding of the history, sociology and international legal frameworks pertaining to genocide, other crimes against humanity, and reconciliation in their wake.

To advance these goals, MIGS organizes workshops and conferences, sponsors lectures, issues reports, prepares books and articles, and trains students specializing in genocide studies at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels. MIGS works locally, nationally, and internationally to educate members of the public, the media, and government.

MIGS is recognized around the world as Canada's pre-eminent centre for the study of genocide. In partnership with Gen. Roméo Dallaire, its distinguished Senior Fellow, MIGS launched the Will to Intervene Project (W2I) in September 2007. W2I is designed to develop practical tools to operationalize the principles of the Canadian-sponsored report on the Responsibility to Protect, which aims to prevent future Rwandas and Cambodias. The MIGS project emphasizes the critical gap in our understanding of how to mobilize the domestic political will to intervene. MIGS and Romeo Dallaire seek to fill that gap by producing a major study pivoting around interviews with key Canadian and U.S. political leaders at the very highest levels about their decisions over intervention in Rwanda and Kosovo. Based on these interviews, MIGS will make practical recommendations to NGO directors, media executives, political leaders, and others helping them to promote effective measures carefully calculated to prevent future genocides.



MIGS faculty and graduate students are important participants in *Life Stories of Montrealers Displaced by War, Genocide and Other Human Rights Violations,* a major research project based at Concordia. Life Stories CURA combines the talents and energies of 30 academics and 18 Montreal community organizations. MIGS brings its expertise to "Comparative Perspectives on Montreal Survivors of Atrocity Crimes," which will interview six hundred Montrealers who survived mass atrocity crimes and their children from a variety of post-1939 genocides including the Holocaust, Cambodia and Rwanda. The oral histories collected by the Comparative Perspectives team will contribute to the production of school curriculum materials, programs for TV, radio, and theatres, museum exhibits, and cultural centre programs. *Life Stories* is supported with funds from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Concordia University.

The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS) was founded in 1986, based in the departments of History and Sociology/Anthropology at Concordia University. In recent years, Concordia faculty members and graduate students from Communications, English, Geography, Humanities, and Political Science have joined in its work, as have colleagues from other universities. MIGS collaborates closely with the Canada Research Chair in Public History and the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling based in the Concordia History Department. Through its work with graduate and undergraduate students, MIGS has trained the largest group of genocide specialists in Canada.

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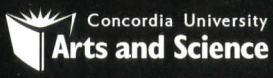

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